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Report of the Internal Justice Council

Addendum

I. Introduction

1. The present report is an addendum to the report of the Internal Justice Council (A/66/664), in which the Council recommended candidates for appointment to three judicial vacancies on the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and three judicial vacancies on the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, including one full-time judge, one half-time judge and one ad litem judge.

2. In paragraph 12 of that report, the Council anticipated that it might become necessary for the Council to furnish additional names to the General Assembly for judicial vacancies on the Dispute Tribunal, depending on the results of the Appeals Tribunal election, which was held on 23 February 2012.

3. As a result of the Appeals Tribunal election and the withdrawal of a candidate for consideration for appointment to the Dispute Tribunal, there is now only one remaining recommended candidate for the vacancy of full-time judge, and there are no recommended candidates for the vacancy of ad litem judge. Accordingly, the Council wishes to recommend to the General Assembly additional candidates for consideration for appointment to those judicial vacancies, as set forth below.

II. Background

4. In its report, the Council recommended six candidates for the three vacancies on the Appeals Tribunal, two candidates for each of the full-time and half-time vacancies on the Dispute Tribunal and three candidates for the ad litem position in New York. Judge Rosalyn M. Chapman was recommended for appointment as a judge for the Appeals Tribunal and as a full-time judge and an ad litem judge for the Dispute Tribunal. Judge Richard Lussick was recommended for appointment as a judge for the Appeals Tribunal and as an ad litem judge for the Dispute Tribunal.

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Judge Vagn Prusse Joensen was recommended for appointment as a judge for the Appeals Tribunal and as an ad litem judge for the Dispute Tribunal.

5. The election for the Appeals Tribunal was held on 23 February 2012. The General Assembly elected Judge Chapman, Judge Jean Courtial and Judge Lussick to the Appeals Tribunal. On 18 February 2012, Judge Joensen advised the Council that he wished to withdraw his candidature for ad litem judge on the Dispute Tribunal.

6. As a result of the outcome of the election for the Appeals Tribunal and Judge Joensen's withdrawal of his candidacy for ad litem judge on the Dispute Tribunal, Judge Chapman, Judge Lussick and Judge Joensen are no longer available for consideration for appointment to the judicial vacancies on the Dispute Tribunal. Accordingly, Judge Memooda Ebrahim-Carstens is the only remaining candidate for consideration for appointment to the vacancy of full-time judge, and there are no candidates for consideration for appointment to the vacancy of ad litem judge.

7. In paragraph 12 of the report (A/66/664), the Council noted that all the candidates for the ad litem position were also candidates for permanent positions, and that if it became necessary for the Council to furnish additional names to the General Assembly because all the candidates for the ad litem position were appointed to permanent positions, the Council would do so expeditiously. Accordingly, the Council now wishes to recommend to the Assembly one additional candidate for the vacancy of full-time judge and two candidates for the vacancy of ad litem judge for the Dispute Tribunal in New York. The profiles of the additional candidates are set out in section III below.

8. The additional candidates for the judicial vacancies on the Dispute Tribunal were considered in the same selection process described in paragraphs 7 to 13 of the report, and the Council confirms that the representations that it made about the recommended candidates in paragraphs 9 and 13 apply to the candidates that it has recommended in the present addendum.

9. The Council wishes to reiterate that it considers that by deciding, in resolution 66/237, to extend the mandate of the three ad litem judges of the Dispute Tribunal for one year, the General Assembly intended for the incumbent ad litem judges to continue uninterrupted in office without the need for reappointment. Accordingly, the terms of office of the two incumbent ad litem judges (Jean-François Cousin (France), who is based in Geneva, and Nkemdilim Amelia Izuako (Nigeria), who is based in Nairobi) are extended until 31 December 2012. However, since the Dispute Tribunal in New York has been without an ad litem judge since 1 July 2011, the Council considers that the one-year term of the ad litem judge in New York will commence from the date that the judge assumes the functions of office, unless the Assembly decides to specify a different date of commencement.

10. If, as a result of the elections, a further recommendation is required for the position of ad litem judge in Geneva, the Council will make such a recommendation.

III. Profiles of recommended candidates for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal

11. Candidates are listed by vacancy, and then alphabetically by last name.

Full-time vacancy, New York

Memooda Ebrahim-Carstens (Botswana), born in 1954

12. For the profile of Judge Ebrahim-Carstens, please see paragraph 22 of document A/66/664.

Danielle Grenier (Canada), born in 1943

13. Judge Grenier is currently a Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec and has held that appointment since June 1989. Between 1985 and 1989, she was a lawyer in private practice, specializing in administrative and labour law, and between 1982 and 1985, she was a lawyer in the Quebec Department of Justice, specializing in administrative and constitutional law and civil liberties. Between 1980 and 1981, Judge Grenier was a lawyer with the Occupational Health and Safety Commission of Quebec, specializing in administrative law, and between 1976 and 1977, she was a lawyer in private practice. Judge Grenier has also held consultancies for the United States Agency for International Development and the Embassy of the United States of America in Côte d'Ivoire on taxation matters, and a number of teaching positions on administrative law topics, including at the University of Montreal (1981-1985), the Quebec Bar School (1981-1987) and the University of Quebec (1979-1981). Judge Grenier received her Bachelor of Civil Law (LL.L.) in 1975 and her Master of Law (LL.M.) in 1984, from the University of Montreal. She was called to the Quebec Bar in 1976. She is fluent in French and English.

Half-time vacancy, rotating between New York, Geneva and Nairobi as required

Jean-François Cousin (France), born in 1944

14. For the profile of Judge Cousin, please see paragraph 23 of document A/66/664.

Goolam Hoosen Kader Meeran (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), born in 1943

15. For the profile of Judge Meeran, please see paragraph 24 of document A/66/664.

Ad litem position, New York

Alessandra Greceanu (Romania), born in 1967

16. For the profile of Judge Greceanu, please see paragraph 19 of document A/66/664.

Danielle Grenier (Canada), born in 1943

17. For the profile of Judge Grenier, please see paragraph 13 above.

(*Signed*) Kate **O'Regan**

(*Signed*) Sinha **Basnayake**

(*Signed*) Jenny **Clift**

(*Signed*) Frank **Eppert**

(*Signed*) Geoffrey **Robertson**

Annex

Curriculum vitae

Danielle Grenier (Canada)

Date of birth 12 October 1943

Present position

Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec (since June 1989)

Education

1984	Master of Law, University of Montreal
1976	Quebec Bar School
1975	Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Montreal
	Major: administrative law
1971	Master of Arts, Pennsylvania State University
	Major: communications (film, radio and television)
1969	Bachelor of Arts, Laval University
	Major: sociology

Professional experience

1989-present	Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec
1985-1989	Lawyer, Stikeman, Elliott Barristers and Solicitors
	(litigation; administrative and labour law)
1982-1985	Lawyer, Quebec Department of Justice (civil and penal litigation group): practice consisted of litigation in administrative and constitutional law and civil liberties
1980-1981	Lawyer, Occupational Health and Safety Commission of Quebec: practice consisted of litigation in administrative law
1978-1979	Consultant, Embassy of the United States of America in Abidjan, study of indirect taxation and labour law in Côte d'Ivoire; Consultant, United States Agency for International Development in Ouagadougou, study of diplomatic privileges and immunities in customs taxation; legal translator for various American corporations
1976-1977	Lawyer, Byers, Casgrain, McNally, Dingle, Benn & Lefebvre (November 1976 to December 1977) and articling student (May to November 1976)

Teaching positions

1985-1987	Professor, advocacy, Quebec Bar School, University of Sherbrooke
1981-1985	Professor, advocacy and administrative law, University of Montreal, Faculty of Law; Professor, contracts and administrative law, Quebec Bar School
1979-1981	Professor, contracts, administrative law and civil liberties, University of Quebec, Faculty of Law
October 1979-April 1980	Producer, television programme on human rights, University of Quebec (educational television)
1979-1981	President, Committee of Professional Education for Judges of the Superior Court
1979-1981	Professor, judgement writing, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ); President, CIAJ Committee on training Chinese judges, Canada-Sino International Cooperation Programme (under the aegis of McGill University and the University of Montreal)
1979-1981	Professor, judgement writing, National Judicial Institute; member, planning committee responsible for preparing the social context education programme for Quebec Superior Court judges

Other former activities and positions

2008-2011	Member of the Board of Directors, Equitas: International Centre for Human Rights Education
1989-present	Member of the Board, International Commission of Jurists
1998	Member, planning committee responsible for the organization of an international conference entitled "A new vision for a non-violent world: justice for each child" (May 1998), International Association of Women Judges
1998	Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice
1996-present	Member, Conference of Canadian Judges
1984-1989	President of the Administrative Law Subsection, Division of Quebec, Canadian Bar Association
1976-1977	Legal Counsel for sheltering battered women (volunteer)

Languages

English and French